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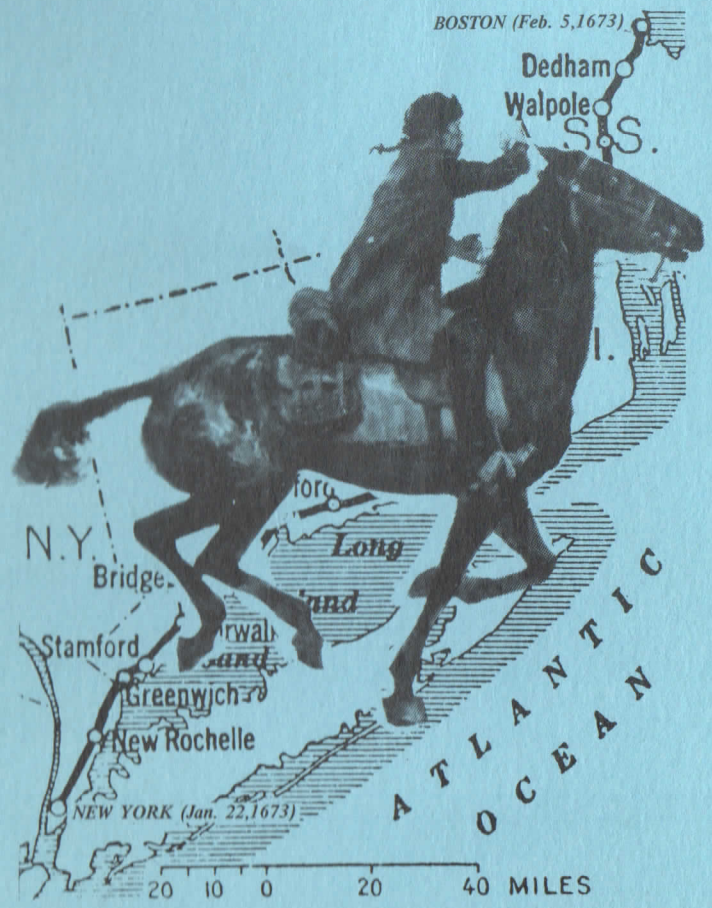

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On behalf of the Rochester Philatelic Association, I am extremely pleased to welcome you to Rochester and ROPEX '73.

The RPA is particularly pleased that national societies such as the Society of Philatelic Americans, the Junior Philatelic Society of America and others of significant importance have selected ROPEX '73 as their meeting locale. The Association, as your host, will do everything possible to make your visit a most rewarding and enjoyable one. If you need assistance during your stay, please do not hesitate to contact an RPA member.

The aim of the ROPEX '73 Organizing Committee was to include the many facets of stamp collecting. You are encouraged to visit the bourse, review the competitive exhibits, and even watch a press demonstration by Representatives of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. You are especially invited to attend the various meetings, films and special displays scheduled during the course of the show.

The most important part of philately should be collecting friends; I particularly hope you will be able to "add to your collection" in this respect also while at ROPEX!

I thank you for your interest, and may your stay be an enjoyable one....

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Osterhoff

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President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - June 22, 1973

10:00 a.m.---Opening of Exhibition and Bourse - Regimental Hall
Opening of Postal Substations - Regimental Hall
Registration for Society Members - Lounge
10:45 a.m.---Arrival of Post Rider
11:00 a.m.---First Day Ceremony - Mezzanine Level
1:00 p.m.---Meeting of Judges - Italian - Belgian Rooms
2:00 p.m.---American First Day Cover Society Meeting - Italian - Belgian Rooms
7:30 p.m.---Auction, Frontier Auctions, Lawrence Manno - auctioneer (lots may be examined from 7:00 p.m. until time of sale)
10:00 p.m.---Exhibition and Bourse closes

SATURDAY - June 23, 1973

10:00 a.m.---Exhibition and Bourse open - Regimental Hall
10:00 a.m.---Society of Philatelic Americans Meeting - Rochesterian Room
11:00 a.m.---United States Philatelic Classics Society Meeting - Italian - Belgian Rooms
1:00 p.m.---Junior Philatelic Society of America Meeting and U.S.P.S. film "90 Billion Raindrops" - Italian - Belgian Rooms
1:30 p.m.---Flag Cancel Society Meeting; slide show, and auction - Rochesterian Room
4:00 p.m.---S.P.A. Film and Lecture: Col. Joseph Sousa speaking on the subject "Counterfiet Postage Stamps" - Gennessee Crossroads Room
6:30 p.m.---Cash Bar - Hotel Patio
7:30 p.m.---Awards Banquet
10:00 p.m.---Exhibition and Bourse closes

SUNDAY - June 24, 1973

10:00 a.m.---Exhibition and Bourse opens - Regimental Hall
10:30 a.m.---Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society Meeting - Italian - Belgian Rooms
1:00 p.m.---Empire State Postal History Society Meeting - Italian - Belgian Rooms
5:00 p.m.---Ropex'73 closes

See you next year at Ropex '74

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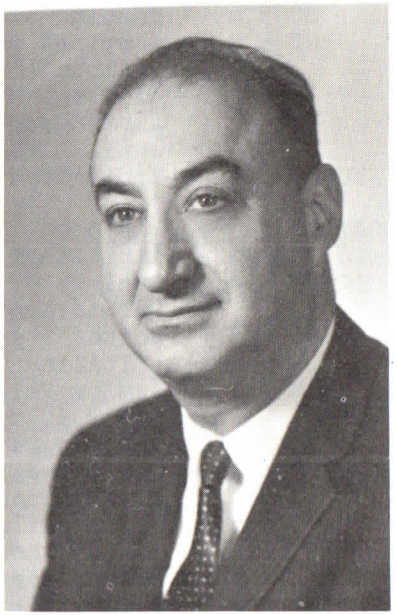

I am very happy to have this opportunity to welcome all the visitors to ROPEX 73 in conjunction with the 79th Spring Meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans. This being the first time the Society has ever held a gathering of the clan in the "Flower City", I must say that I am especially proud that it is taking place during my tenure as President, since I was born in Rochester and I am really pleased to be back in my own home town.

This year ROPEX boasts an added dimension in that it is host to no less than seven important philatelic fraternities, several of which are integrated national branches of the SPA.

I urge you to visit the S.P.A. Hospitality Booth and to discover for yourself the added value and pleasure which lie in store for you by affiliation with a national society prepared to perform just about any philatelic service. The S.P.A. has gained a reputation as "the friendly stamp society" and we make every effort to live up to that reputation by answering all correspondence promptly and effectively. We sponsor frequent get-togethers for officers, members and spouses, and we especially enjoy hearing from members from all over the world.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Society of Philatelic Americans, I welcome you to ROPEX 73.

Milton Mitchell
President

Society of Philatelic Americans

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Well before the Revolutionary Era, distinct attempts for a successful colonial post were made, one of the most notable being a postal route opened by New York Governor Francis Lovelace from New York to Boston in 1672, but which did not last. The Boston merchants had looked with favor on this post, however, and in 1673 the Massachusetts General Court ordered that post riders, who had previously received no stated allowance, "should receive 3d. a mile and full satisfaction for the expenses of man and beast."

Further direction provided that "If any letters or pacquets shall lie or remain in the office uncalled for, by the space of 48 hours, the Post Master then sending them forth to the respective houses of the persons to whom they may be directed shall receive one penny more for each letter or pacquet." The continuation of a postal service was inevitable.

The initial colonial post riders were expected to complete one round trip within a month, however, by 1764 actual service between such cities as New York and Philadelphia was expanded to three trips a week each way, the riders travelling by night as well as by day for the first time.

Compared to the thousands of post offices and branches in the State of New York today, in 1773 just three post offices existed---at New York, Albany and Skeensborough. In 1773, New York was selected as the headquarters of the United States Post Office, but this plan did not mature.

The State of New York is a fitting locale for issuance of the Post Rider commemorative postage stamp ---and it is an honor for ROPEX to host this first day of issue ceremony. The horizontal stamp, which features a post rider, was designed by William A. Smith, of Pineville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith has also created designs for other issues in the "Bicentennial Communications" series of 1973.

The stamp was modelled by V. Jack Ruther and engraved by Joseph S. Creamer, Jr. (vignette) and James Goodbody (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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16-20	U.S. 20th Century Errors & Rarities	Schilling
21-30	The 2¢ Washington Issues of 1923-1938	Mast
31-34	Hotel Handstamps Independent U.S. Mail Service	Blinn
35-37	Lowenberg -- "Goldbeater" Essays -- U.S. 1861 -- Proofs	Orzano
38-45	U.S. Imperforate Issues 1906-1926	Thompson
46-47	Machine Cancels -- 1871-1873	Rapp
48-50	Troy N.Y. -- Classical Postal History Topics	Harris
51-53	6¢ Lincoln Banknote Issues, 1870-1882 on Covers	Reiling
54-60	Postal History of America	Anonymous #1
61-65	Scenes of the Sixties	Schilling
66	U.S. Flags -- Historic of Revolution	Hollingshead
67-75	Postal History of a N.Y. County	Anonymous #2
76-78	Geo. Washington and Thomas Jefferson on Stamps, 1842-69	Gottlieb
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211-212	Naismith -- First Day Covers and Maximum Cards	Moriarty
	FLAG -- CANCELLATIONS	
79-86	Canadian Flag Cancels on Covers	Paige
87	Flag Cancels on Advertising Covers	Phillips
88-90	Philadelphia, Penn., Flag Cancels 1897-1921	Ruckle
91-92	Canadian Flag Cancellations on Cover	Hedley
92A	U.S. and Canadian Involute Flag Cancels	Stickles
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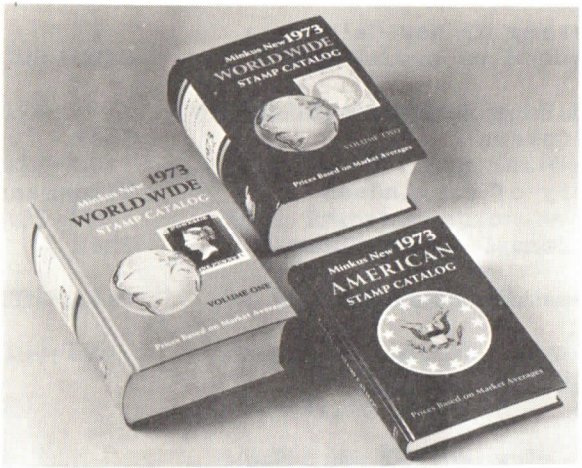

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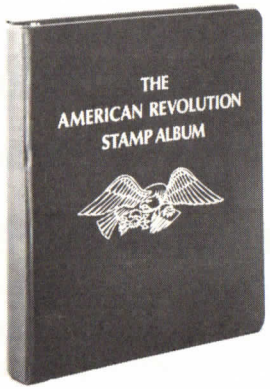

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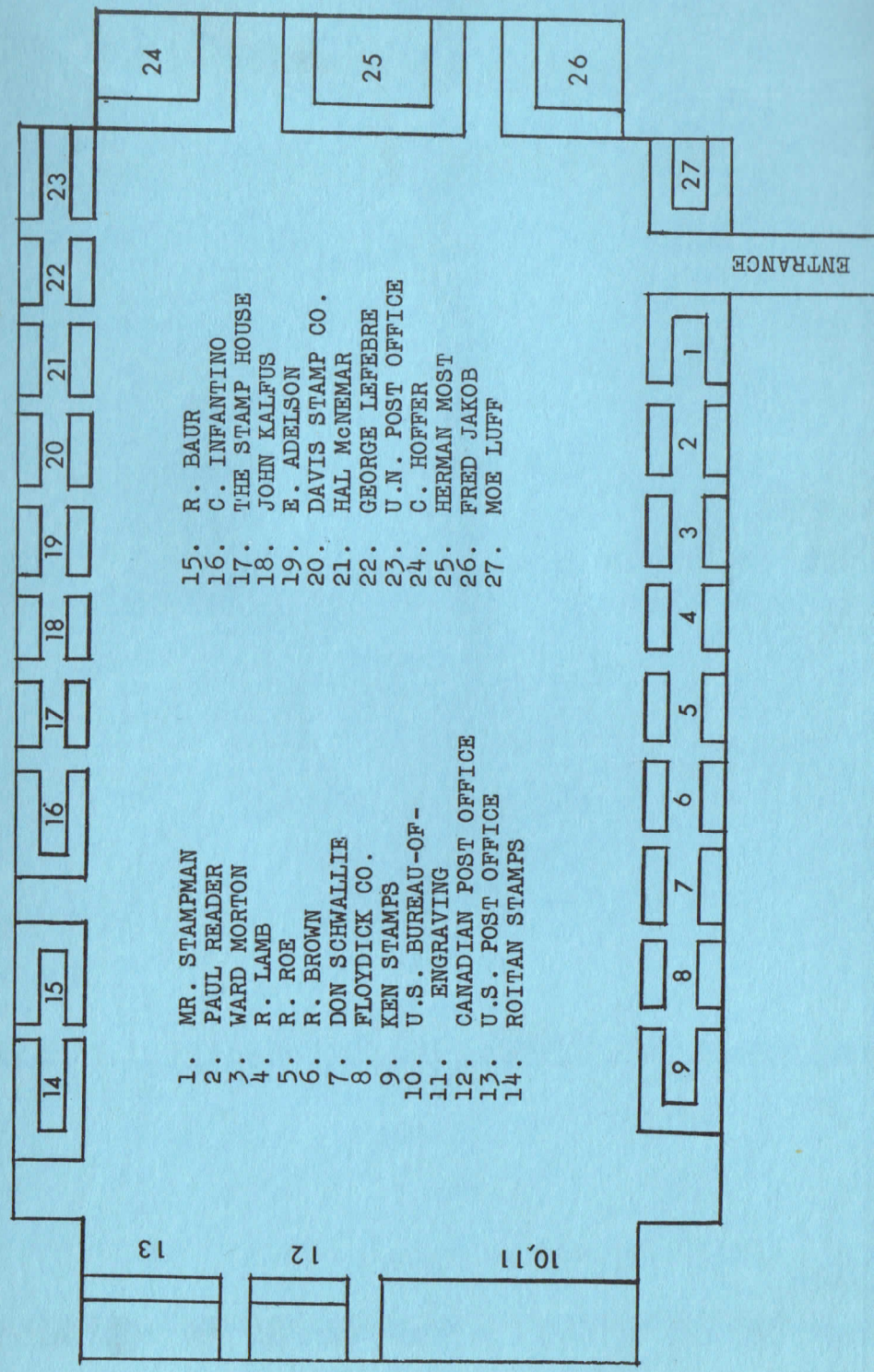

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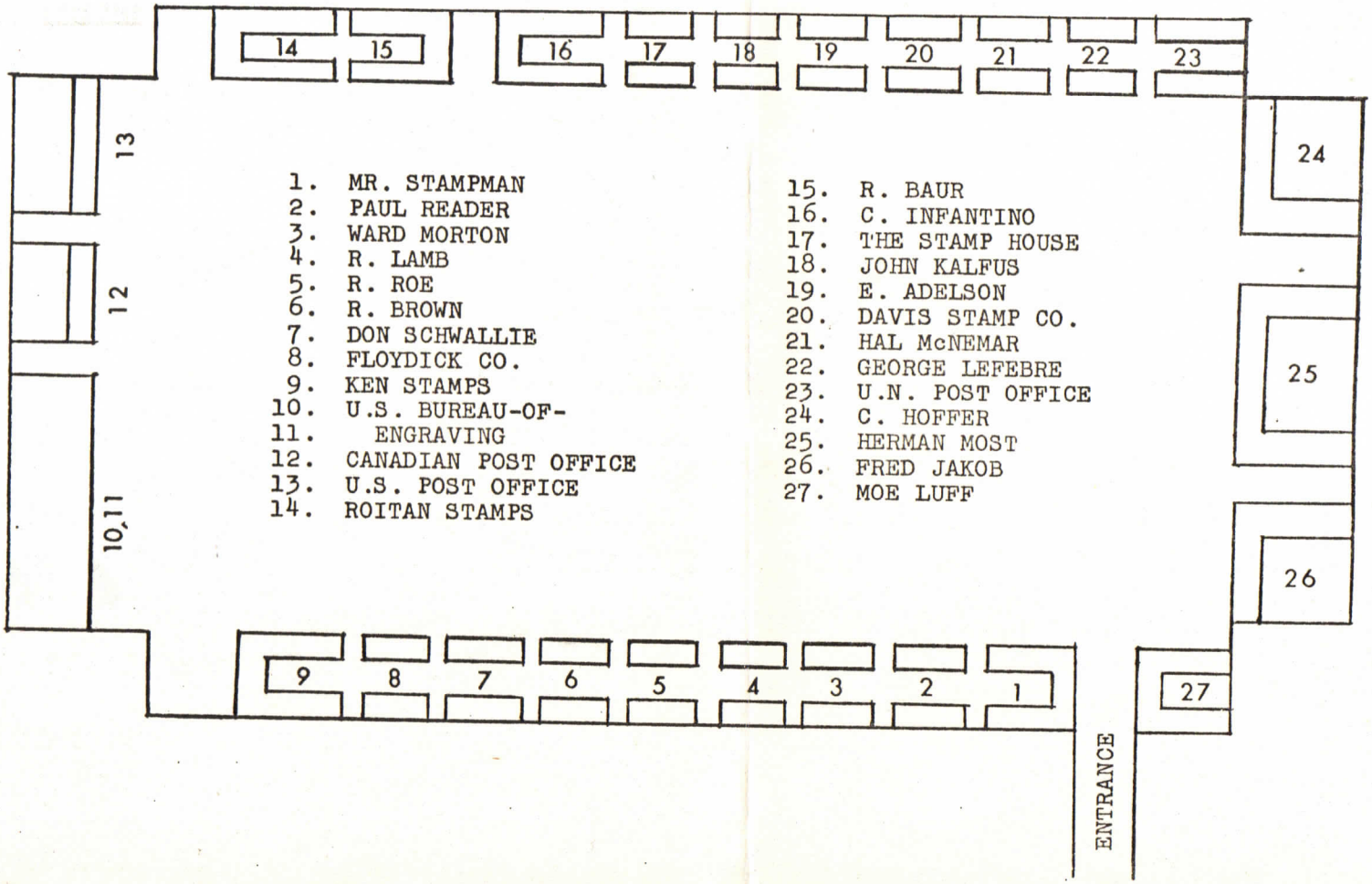

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FRAME NO.	DESCRIPTION	EXHIBITOR
	UNITED STATES	
1-15 G	U.S. Private Proprietory Stamps	Fitch
16-20	U.S. 20th Century Errors & Rarities	Schilling
21-30 S	The 2¢ Washington Issues of 1923-1938	Mast
31-34	Hotel Handstamps Independent U.S. Mail Service	Blinn
35-37	Lowenberg -- "Goldbeater" Essays -- U.S. 1861 -- Proofs	Orzano
38-45 G	U.S. Imperforate Issues 1906-1926	Thompson
46-47	Machine Cancels -- 1871-1873	Rapp
48-50 S	Cert. ① Empire State Troy N.Y. -- Classical Postal History Topics	Harris
51-53 B	6¢ Lincoln Banknote Issues, 1870-1882 on Covers	Reiling
54-60 S	Cert ② Empire State Postal History of America	Anonymous #1
61-65	Scenes of the Sixties	Schilling
66	U.S. Flags -- Historic of Revolution	Hollingshead
67-75 S	Empire State Trophy Postal History of a N.Y. County	Anonymous #2
76-78 B	Geo. Washington and Thomas Jefferson on Stamps, 1842-69	Gottlieb
196-197	Post Offices of Tomkins Co.	Lounsbery
211-212	Naismith -- First Day Covers and Maximum Cards	Moriarty
	FLAG -- CANCELLATIONS	
79-86 G	Flag Cancel Society Award Canadian Flag Cancels on Covers	Paige
87	Flag Cancels on Advertising Covers	Phillips
88-90 B	Philadelphia, Penn., Flag Cancels 1897-1921	Ruckle
91-92	Canadian Flag Cancellations on Cover	Hedley
92A	U.S. and Canadian Involute Flag Cancels	Stickles
	TOPICAL	
93-94	Religion on Stamps	Sprague
95-96	A Philatelic Tribute to Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt	Rapp
97-99 B	FDR Award Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Stamps, Cancels, Covers and Autographs	Schlesinger
100-102	FDR Award Franklin D. Roosevelt, The Philatelist	Connelly
103-104	FDR Award A Tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt	White
105	U.S. in Space	Diggins
213-216 B	Selected Pages of Scout Anniversaries	Fisk
	POSTAL STATIONARY	
106-112 B	UPSS Trophy Rare Nesbitt Covers, Includes Select Canada Issue	Blinn
113-114	Irish Postal Stationary	Lenane
115-119 B	UPSS 2nd Cert. U.S. Postal Service Symbol	Moriarty
	MISCELLANEOUS	
200	Description and Variety of Precancels	Aska
	JUNIOR	
121	Stamps -- A Small Spark	Hacaas
122-123	Junior 2nd. U.S. Airmails AJPPA Award	Lynch
124-125	Junior 3rd A Stamp Salute to Bobby Fischer	Fisk
126	The '72 Olympics -- U.S. Design	H. Sibum
127-128 B-Open	Junior 1st - JPSA - 14623 Award China -- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen	V. Sibum
129-130	Mail Transportation Methods Used Throughout the World	D. Hale
131	UN Postational Stationary and Stamps	Frisch
198-199	Praga 1968 World Stamp Exhibition	Page
201	Animals on Stamps	Porter
217	Soccer on Stamps	Boughton
220	Canal Zone -- The Canal and its Builders	J. Hale
	FOREIGN	
132-143 G	Panama Airmails	Helme
144-147	Pictorial and Commemorative Cancellations of Czechoslovakia	Taylor
148-150 B	William Tell -- Boy of Switzerland	Naughton
151-157 S	Know Your Stamps -- Czechoslovakia, Hradcany -- 25 Blue	Kutvirt
158-159	Apfelbaum Award Spain	Sprague
160-161	Great Britain: The Surface Printed Victorians	Tobias
162-163	Silver Wedding Anniversary, 1972 with Famous Errors	Doyle
164-166 S	France: International Exposition and Philatelic Exhibitions	Luft
167-168	Great Britain -- The Penny Red	Black
169	Polish Government in Exile	Stone
170-174 G	Dutch Indies -- 200 yrs. of Postal History	Zacstein
175-180 S	UPSS 3rd Cert. A Postal History of New Caledonia 1859-1912	Carriker
181-184 G	Pre-Adhesive Hong Kong -- A Study of Stampless Covers	Shek
185-187 B	Postal History of Bangladesh	Wildemann
188-189 B	China -- Empress Dowagers Issues	Shek
218-219 B	1860-63 Issues of Nova Scotia	Osterhoff
	BRITISH WEST INDIES	
190-194 G	Brit. Car Medal Exploring Jamaica -- 100 yrs. Ago With Obliterators	Dr. Bird
195	The Marine Insurance Policy -- Stamps of Jamaica	Cameron
202	19th Century Postal History of Bermuda	Bump
203-210	GRAND APS Brit. Car. Medal Antiqua Through the Tercentenary Issue	Swetland

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